

MINUTES OF MARION CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING 8:30 A.M.
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012

A special meeting was held by City Council on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. over which Mayor Rodney Berry presided. Council members Ronald Atkinson, Bobby L. Davis, Michael Baker, Betsy Atkinson and Odessa Gregg were present. Councilman Ralph Atkinson was not present. Also present were Mr. Alan Ammons, Mrs. Patricia Brown and Ms. Pam Jones. The media (Star/Enterprise) and a resident were also present.

Mayor Berry called the meeting to order.

Mayor Berry asked if Council would amend the Agenda to add an Executive Session after item 2. in order to discuss a letter received from the County Administrator. Councilwoman Betsy Atkinson made a motion to amend the Agenda, seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson; motion carried.

Regarding the Sanitation Department Truck Repairs, Mr. Ammons commented that this was very similar to the truck repairs last year, although this truck is in Ronnie's department and the one last year was in Winky's. The trucks have relatively low miles, around 40,000, and as the Mayor did last time, tried to negotiate. When running tests on the trucks, they are finding out that the number of hours the trucks actually run (a steady 8 hours a day) are equivalent to 100,000 miles on the engine. Mayor Berry spoke with Mike (Reichenbach) and last year he took off around \$6,000 confident that he would get his money back from the manufacturer and he did not. He would not be able to do that a second time, so the proposal you have in front of you will not go down any further. After some discussion on changing the oil more frequently and the vehicle being out of warranty (3 years or 36,000 miles), Councilman Davis asked if anyone else had looked at the truck to which Mr. Ammons responded they had not, due to the fact that the truck was at Richenbach's and is torn down and if we don't have them fix it, we will have the expense (for labor) of having them put it back together. Mayor Berry asked how the City would pay for the repairs. Mr. Ammons responded that Patricia could use some of the Capital Projects money that we didn't use on air conditioning for the gym. We would need to appropriate that into next year's budget on July 1. Councilman Davis made a motion to allow Mrs. Brown to do whatever is necessary to transfer the money to get the truck fixed, seconded by Councilman Baker; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Michael Baker made a motion to enter Executive Session regarding a contractual matter with the County, seconded by Councilwoman Betsy Atkinson, motion carried.

After returning from Executive Session, Mayor Berry stated that no action was taken. Councilwoman Atkinson made a motion to enter Open Session, seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson; motion carried.

Mr. Ammons commented that if Council desires, the can authorize Mayor Berry to send a letter to Mr. Harper and the County Council and have the County Attorney come and explain some of the differences we have with the 911 system and the fire dues. Councilwoman Atkinson made a motion to allow Mayor Berry to send a letter, seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Atkinson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ronald Atkinson; motion carried.

Mayor Rodney Berry

City Clerk Pam Jones
Taped June 25, 2012